

Career Eagles Aviation Initiative

Purpose

The Career Eagles Aviation Initiative is a joint initiative of The Ohio State University Center for Aviation Studies, The Knowlton Foundation and the Experimental Aircraft Association. The Career Eagles Program engages and encourages today's middle and high school students to pursue careers in aviation through academic and extracurricular programs, scholarships and hands-on experiences. Career Eagles serves as a centralized pipeline for the nation's talented youth to launch their careers in aviation.

Impact

One of the primary responsibilities of the Career Eagles Aviation Initiative, is as a resource and support system for our youth aviation partners. Collaboration with these organizations is the first tier of the Career Eagles Initiative.

Throughout 2014, Career Eagles worked to develop and build a wide variety of partnerships with local educational entities. Career Eagles has collaborated with the premier science center in Columbus, the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), as well as partnered with six different schools, representing 3 different districts and two private institutions. Career Eagles expects to expand its partnerships to schools and educational organizations throughout the state of Ohio and nationally.

In 2015, Career Eagles will introduce its pipeline program. While each youth aviation organization brings a wealth of opportunity and expertise, no



pipeline currently exists for a student wishing to pursue a career in the aviation industry. The Career Eagles program seeks to fill that gap. Geared towards middle and high school students, the Career Eagles Program is for those students who wish to be a part of a mentorship program that will help them build their 'aviation resume.' The Career Eagles Program will leverage the strength of the current youth aviation partnerships, additional programming and scholarships, all in an effort to help students who wish to pursue a career in aviation.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Engineering
Center for Aviation Studies
The Ohio State University Airport

Community Partners Involved

The Knowlton Foundation
COSI (Center of Science and Industry)
Youth Aviation Adventure
Experimental Aircraft Association
Tuskegee Airmen
Ohio Memorial Chapter
Simon Kenton Council
Columbus City Schools
Upper Arlington City Schools
Licking County School District
Wellington School
The Columbus Academy



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